

St. Justin Martyr Parish

Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston



Mass Schedule

Saturday: (Vigil Mass) 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.; 10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m. in Vietnamese;
5:00 p.m. in Spanish

Monday and Tuesday:
7:00 p.m. (Chapel)

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday
9:00 a.m. (Chapel)

Friday
6:30 p.m. (Chapel) in Vietnamese

Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday:

9:30 a.m. - 8:15 p.m. (Chapel)

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.

By appointment. Call the parish office.



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, February 26, 2017

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Fr. Paul Chovanec, Pastor

Fr. Peter Thang Nguyen, Parochial Vicar

Deacon Corney Llorens

Deacon Nhat Tran

Deacon Gary Boyd

ADULT BAPTISM AND ENTERING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Rite for the Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) process is ongoing. Contact one of the priests in the parish office.

ADULT CONFIRMATION FOR PRACTICING CATHOLICS

Please phone the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Please contact Dolores Gonzalez at 281-902-5711 or dgonzalez@sjmtx.com six months to two years prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN

Baptism for children through age six is held monthly except during the season of Lent. There are no private baptisms. There are required preparation sessions for the parents. At least one parent must be a registered member of the parish and a practicing Catholic. Expectant parents are asked to begin this process during the second trimester of pregnancy.

Please phone the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR CHILDREN SEVEN AND OLDER

Please contact the Religious Education office about the RCIA process, 281-902-5701.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please phone the parish office as soon as you or someone in your family schedules surgery/hospitalization or suffers an illness or injury. PLEASE DON'T DELAY in this prayer for Christian healing! The Sacrament is celebrated the fourth Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION, FIRST PENANCE, CONFIRMATION AND QUINCEAÑERA CELEBRATIONS

Please contact the Religious Education office, 281-902-5701.

NURSERY

The nursery is open during weekend Masses and other parish activities. It is located in the Christian Formation Center building.

YOUTH MINISTRY AT ST. JUSTIN MARTYR

There are various activities for Middle and High School Youth throughout the year. Youth Nights take place every Wednesday 7-8:30 p.m. and are a time for youth to make friends, have fun and learn more about their faith.

For more information contact the Youth Ministry Office at 281-902-5710.

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PRESCHOOL

Early childhood education - 18 months to Pre-K Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For information, please call 281-556-1260.

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Other times, call 281-556-6882. Fax is 281-752-5985.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Sunday at 5:00 p.m. Bulletin e-mail: martha@sjmtx.com

WELCOME TO ST. JUSTIN MARTYR

Please let us know you have arrived. We are anxious to meet you. Contact the parish office for a welcoming packet.

ST. JUSTIN MARTYR PARISH BOUNDARIES

Beginning at a point on Barker Reservoir Dam at Briar Forest Street, East on Briar Forest to Dairy Ashford; thence South on Dairy Ashford to Westheimer Road; thence East on Westheimer Road to Old Westheimer Road; thence South on Old Westheimer Road, to Alief-Clodine; thence West on Alief-Clodine to Dairy Ashford; thence South on Dairy Ashford Bellaire Blvd; thence West on Bellaire Blvd. to Eldridge; thence South on to Beechnut; thence West on Beechnut to Addicks-Howell Road (Hwy 6); thence South on Addicks Howell Road to Keegans Bayou; thence West on Keegans Bayou to O'Brien Road; thence North on O'Brien Road to Barker Reservoir Dam; thence Northeast along the Dam to the point of beginning at Briar Forest.

Pastoral Staff

Dolores Gonzalez
Coordinator of Adult Ministry

Lisa Hachicho
Director of Preschool

Alyssa Avila
DRE

Karen Rachal
Parish Administrator

Alex Pina
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Parish Life

The Prayer Blanket / Prayer Shawl Ministry

We hold monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of each month from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Our next meeting is Tuesday, March 7, 2017. We gather to sew, knit and crochet blankets and shawls and to teach those who want to learn. We provide fabric, yarn and the tools to work with. This is a great ministry for those who want to work from home as you can just pick up materials as needed. You can also participate by donating fabric (preferably cotton/flannel; however any donation is welcome) and yarn. I want to extend a special invitation to those who signed up at our ministry fair and to thank all who were able to help at the fair. If you have any questions, please call Guadalupe V. Mussio at 281-896-4368. God Bless!

Lenten Mission 2017

Three Nights! Three Languages!

Theme: Jesus the Light of Life

English Speaker: Fr. Martin Iott, OP

Spanish Speaker: Fr. Agustin Estrada

Vietnamese Speaker:

Fr. Peter Dieu Quang Tran

Youth Track will be offered.

Presentations start at 7:30 p.m.

See you there!



Financial Stewardship

Weekend Collection

February 19	\$19,611
Required Weekly Budget Amount	\$20,500
Building Improvements	\$ 1,346
Social Ministry	\$ -0-
Registered Families	1581

Diocesan Services Fund 2017

Parish Goal:	\$124,780
Parish Amount Pledged:	\$ 3,236
Parish Contributions:	\$ 1,026
Balance Due:	\$123,754

Number of Participants 15

Upcoming Second Collections

March 1	Archdiocesan Social Ministries
March 5	Black & Indian Missions
March 26	Catholic Relief Services
April 14	Holy Land

***Thank you for your continued support
of St. Justin Martyr Parish!***

Black & Indian Collection

The collection next weekend, March 4 & 5, meets the needs of those who would bring the light of Christ's witness to the impoverished, the isolated, and the despairing among the Black and Indian people. It is an important National Collection, vital to the church because it is used to support current and new evangelization programs.

Our Holy Father has stressed over and over again, the importance of evangelizing. Your support will help many programs begun in the parishes and schools to continue. Thank you for your contributions.

Prayer Needs

Mass Intentions

February 25th ~ March 5th

Sat.	Feb 25th	5:30 p.m.	+ Natasja Duffin
Sun.	Feb 26th	8:00 a.m.	+ Bobby McMillian
Sun.	Feb 26th	10:00 a.m.	+ Bartolo Gonzalez
Sun.	Feb 26th	12:00 p.m.	Mama
Sun.	Feb 26th	5:00 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Mon.	Feb 27th	7:00 p.m.	+ Rosario Cassarino
Tue.	Feb 28th	7:00 p.m.	Maria Yu Yin
Wed.	Mar 1st	6:00 a.m.	+ Catalina
Wed.	Mar 1st	9:00 a.m.	+ Jessie Lenette
Thurs.	Mar 2nd	9:00 a.m.	+ Marcelico Garcia
Fri.	Mar 3rd	9:00 a.m.	+ Catherine Okereke
Fri.	Mar 3rd	6:30 p.m.	+ Ana
Sat.	Mar 4th	9:00 a.m.	+ Maria & Thi Nguyen
Sat.	Mar 4th	5:30 p.m.	People of St. Justin
Sun.	Mar 5th	8:00 a.m.	+ Diana Gittens
Sun.	Mar 5th	10:00 a.m.	+ J. B. Morin
Sun.	Mar 5th	12:00 p.m.	Nguyen Family
Sun.	Mar 5th	5:00 p.m.	+ Anton

Lilies for Easter

Remember a loved one at Easter by donating towards the Lilies to decorate the church. Donors and the names of loved ones will be listed in the Bulletin. Price is \$10.00 for each Memorial. Fill in the information below and bring with payment to the Church Office or drop it in the Sunday Collection. Make your check payable to St. Justin Martyr. I would like to donate towards decorating the Church with Lilies at \$10.00 per Memorial, for the following:

1. _____

2. _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Parish Events

Sunday, February 26th

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Little Church
- 12:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass
- 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Middle School & High School CCE

Monday, February 27th

- 5:30 p.m. Elementary CCE
- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Bible Study

Tuesday, February 28th

- 6:30 p.m. Penance
- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adults
- 7:30 p.m. Perpetual Help Novena & Rosary

Wednesday, March 1st - Ash Wednesday

- 6:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:30 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration
- 12:10 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes
- 4:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes
- 5:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes
- 6:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes
- 7:30 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes
- 7:00 p.m. Elementary CCE
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Night
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA Pre-Catechumenate
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Sacrament Class

Thursday, March 2nd

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 7:30 p.m. Spanish Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 3rd

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 5:30 p.m. Lenten Meal
- 6:00 p.m. Vietnamese Stations of the Cross
- 6:30 p.m. Mass
- 7:30 p.m. English Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 4th

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Elementary CCE
- 4:00 p.m. Penance
- 5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 5th - First Sunday of lent

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Mass
- 10:00 a.m. Little Church
- 12:00 p.m. Vietnamese Mass
- 5:00 p.m. Spanish Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Middle School & High School CCE

*Our altar flowers this week were
donated by
The African Parishioners of St. Justin Martyr*

Parish Life

Way Of The Cross

This Lent, as we pray the Way of the Cross, parishioners will be asked to bring a specific food item each week for the families who are assisted through Social Ministry. A specific item will be requested each week.

Here is the list:

March 3	Crackers
March 10	Rice - 1 Pound Bag
March 17	Dry Beans - 1 Pound Bag
March 24	Canned Tuna
March 31	Canned Fruit
April 7	Ramen Noodles/Pasta

These offerings for the poor are part of our Lenten almsgiving this year.

Palms, Palms, Palms

If you have palms left over from last Palm Sunday, please drop them in the basket in the narthex. We will be using them to make Ashes for Ash Wednesday.

University of St. Thomas

Please mark your calendar for our upcoming event:

Miller Lecture: "Has Pope Francis Changed the Church"? Monday, February 27, 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Jones Hall at UST. Most Reverend J. Michael Miller, CSB, Archbishop of Vancouver and former President of UST, will give the annual Miller Lecture. Free.

Many Thanks

The Stewardship Committee wishes to thank everyone who worked to make SJM's Stewardship Weekend so successful! May God bless you abundantly for sharing your time, talent and treasure with your parish!

Parish Blood Drive

Today in room 101 of the CFC building is our Gulf Coast Regional Blood Drive. Please remember your appointment or do not hesitate to drop in to donate.

Please Welcome Our Newest Members

Baptized last weekend
Brian Gonzales, II
Brendan Chidumeje Odinigwe



Virtus Notification

If you took the "Keeping The Promise Alive" Virtus Course in 2012, you are required to complete an online refresher course within three months of the date you took the KPA course. Contact Butch Mueller at the parish office to get your ID and password along with additional information to complete the online refresher course.

Spring Festival Update

The Spring Festival is scheduled for April 29 and 30. Thanks to all that have supported the festival budget underwriting campaign. Please consider underwriting a budget item. **Hooray! The spring festival raffle sales begin today.** Get your tickets for a chance to win \$5,000 in gift cards. Also pick up some booklets to sell to neighbors, co-workers and friends. The festival committee needs the use of an ATV strong enough to pull between 750 to 1,000 pounds. Let us know if you can help. We are also seeking a parishioner in the sign making business. Finally, consider volunteering for the various parts of the festival. Stop by the Spring Festival table in the parish hall to pick up your tickets and volunteer.

African Parishioners of St. Justin Martyr

February 26 - Executive Meeting and choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212.

March 5 - General meeting after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members are welcome.

March 12 - Choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members welcome.

March 19 - Prayer meeting and choir practice after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the CFC building room 212. New members welcome. For more information, contact Jude Obinyan at 832-788-3117.

The Archdiocesan Social Ministries Collection takes place on Ash Wednesday, March 1.

Today, Sunday, February 26, enjoy Baked Goodies prepared by the Daughters of Isabella on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Next Sunday, March 5, enjoy Breakfast prepared by the Youth on sale in the parish hall after morning Masses.

Parish Life

St. Justin Martyr Catholic Preschool News

As Lent begins we will celebrate Fat Tuesday with our very own Mardi Gras! The children make little masks and we will parade next door to throw beads out to the office staff. This has turned into an annual event for us! A fun time will be had by all. Wednesday the preschool has its own Ash Wednesday service at 10:00 a.m. Father Paul always does an amazing job speaking to the children about why we receive ashes, which is a very difficult concept for most of our students due to their ages!

Daughters of Isabella

Unity, Friendship and Charity

Please help us by supporting our bake sale today after Mass. We have many delicious treats to satisfy your taste buds.

On March 4, at 5:00 p.m. we will pray the rosary in the chapel before the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Our next meeting is March 13 at 7:15 p.m.

If you are interested in finding out about or joining our wonderful organization please contact Bette Breaz at 281-493-6855.

Knights of Columbus-SJM Council 8293

Thank you to all the knights who went to the VA visit and those who assisted with the Stewardship weekend events.

The next business meeting is Thursday, March 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

KC events for this week:

March 3 - Lenten Meal

March 4 - Poor Man's Supper ticket sale.

If you are interested in joining the KC's, please contact Grand Knight Michael Akiboh at 281-707-4444.

Next weekend the Ministry Spotlight
will be on

- Movimiento Familiar Cristiano Catolico -

Visit the table in the Narthex after
Mass next weekend to learn more
about this Ministry.

News About the Mavericks

March 3 - Friday - 9:00 a.m. - First Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Pastelitos Café, 1809 Eldridge Pkwy.

March 7 - Tuesday - Diocesan Day of Prayer at St. Edward's in Spring. Bus leaves at 8:15 a.m. from St. Cyril's church parking lot. Cost \$12 which includes lunch. Call Marilyn at 281-879-7568 for more info.

March 11 - Saturday - Bus trip to see the Houston Cistern, Houston's first underground drinking water reservoir built in 1927. Cost \$10. Lunch at Otto's Barbeque. Lunch plates \$9.95 - \$13.45. Sandwiches \$5.45 - \$8.75. Bus leaves at 10:00 a.m. from church parking lot. Reservations to Marge at 281-498-3413 by March 1.

Men's ACTS Retreat Team

If you are a man (18 years of age or older) and have not been on the Men's ACTS Retreat, we will be planning a great time for you. We are limited to attendees, so it is advised to register early to reserve your spot. Early registration begins this weekend, February 25 & 26.

Social Ministry News

Our Lenten journey will begin this Wednesday. What will you do this Lenten season?

Here are some thoughts:

Corporal Works of Mercy:

Feed the hungry, Clothe the naked, Shelter the homeless, Bury the dead, Visit the sick and imprisoned.

Bring Christ's love to the Poor:

Visit a nursing home or those who are shut in. Smile and say hello to a neighbor. Contact a lost friend.

Pray:

Your Prayers count! God hears His children when they call and He answers their prayers.

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Parish Life

RCIA

Curious about the Catholic Faith? Are you unbaptized? Or were you baptized in another faith? **RCIA is the program for you!** Please call the church office and leave your name and a contact phone number, and someone from the RCIA team will call you to give you more information

St. Justin's Young Adult Group

Join the Young Adult Community (18-35) to explore the Bible, discuss "Why Evil Exists?", eat delicious cultural food, and learn how to be more awesome at life!

Want to learn more? Search "St. Justin Martyr Young Adult Community" on Facebook or contact Robert Ontko at robert.ontko@gmail.com or 832-372-9928.

Stations of the Cross

Thursdays 7:30 p.m. Spanish

Fridays 6:00 p.m. Vietnamese

Fridays 7:30 p.m. English

Fridays Meals During Lent

Did you know that various communities of St. Justin will be preparing meals on Fridays during Lent? They will be serving a non-meat Lenten meal on Friday nights from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

The schedule is listed below:

March 3 Knights of Columbus

March 10 Spanish Ministry

March 17 ACTS

March 24 Daughters of Isabella

March 31 African Parishioners

April 7 Vietnamese Parishioners

A Stewardship Prayer

Jesus, I give my whole life to you, I thank you for creating me, dying for me, and rising for me.

Please give me a spirit of service and love so I can pour out myself for others as you did for me.

In gratitude, I offer myself to you, asking for the grace to keep you first in my heart.

Help me to use everything You have given me to serve You, my parish, and all those around me. Amen



Spring Sparkle Day is March 4.

Please be here at 8:30 a.m.

LENT

Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday, March 1, is the traditional forty days of preparation for the catechumens preparing for baptism and full Christian initiation into the Church. For them it is a period of "purification and enlightenment." At the beginning of this season, the Church, represented by the Bishop, formally ratifies the catechumen's readiness for the sacraments of initiation, and the catechumens, now the elect, express the will to receive the sacraments.

We accompany them on their journey by returning to our own baptisms through repentance and conversion—turning away from sin and following the Gospel more faithfully. To assist us in this journey, we embrace Lent as a time of prayer, self denial (fasting) and charity (almsgiving).

The Church invites us to join with our fellow Christians in experiencing our spiritual hunger . . . and in experiencing in our own bodies the hunger that imprisons most of the world.

To that end those 14 and over are invited to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent. Those over 18 are invited to fast by taking only one full meal and two partial meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

The important focus is whatever will bring us closer to God.

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017

6:00 a.m. Mass

9:00 a.m. Mass

12:10 p.m. Prayer service with Ashes

4:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes

5:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes

6:00 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes

7:30 p.m. Prayer Service with Ashes

If you are a St. Justin Martyr Liturgical Minister please consider serving at Mass. Sign-up in the brides-room.

CCE News

Contact
Us

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RCIA: Rite of Sending

The RCIA Rite of Sending (for those children in second year who have not been baptized) will be on March 4, 4:15 p.m. in the Parish hall .

Please check out our website and Facebook page to keep up with the latest CCE news.

Website:

www.sjmtx.org/childrens-ministrycce

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/sjmccce

Ash Wednesday



Children's Ash Wednesday Service
March 1, 7:00 p.m. in the
CFC Building room 205-207.

The next sacrament class for those students receiving a sacrament this year will be held on

Saturday, March 4
from 12:00-2:00.

Your child must attend all 14 classes!

Please see handbook for attendance policy.
If your child missed a class, **please have them turn in make-up work ASAP.**

Middle and High School Youth Ministry

For more information about youth events and activities contact:

Alex Pina, Coordinator of
Youth Ministries

281-902-5710
apina@sjmtx.com

Information is also available on the Youth Ministry page of the parish website at www.sjmtx.org.

High School Youth Night

"Adolescent Symposium"

The Office of Youth Ministry would like to invite all high school students to its

Adolescent Symposium. It will be a night to socialize, eat, have refreshments, and listen to a discussion on Justice. Best of all it's FREE!

The Adolescent Symposiums will take place once a month throughout the CCE school year.

When: *Tuesday, February 28, 2017*

Time: *6:00pm – 7:30pm*

Where: *Youth Room (CFC Building 2nd floor)*

Jr. High Lock In:

The Office of Youth Ministry will be hosting a Jr. High Lock In on March 11, 2017 in the Parish Hall. Please email or call the Youth Minister to RSVP.

When: Saturday March 11 – Sunday March 12

Time: 5:30pm – 8:00am

Where: Parish Hall

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